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## BROWNSVILLE MAN DROWNS IN THE RIVER

Swimmer Gets Beyond His Depth and Almost Pulls Down Friend With Him

SEARCHERS RECOVER BODY

The Monongahela river claimed another swimmer Sunday at Brownsville when Natal Decosino, aged 27 of Second street, South Brownsville, drowned at the mouth of Ruesh run, a mile above Alicia and in his frantic attempt to save himself clutched his companion, Jim Rea and almost took him to his grave with him. It was only after a desperate struggle with the drowning man that Rea released himself from his companion's death clutch.

The two men, in company with another Italian, had been swimming in the river for a short time and had ventured out too far into the stream, none of them being experienced swimmers, when they realized their inability to swim to shore. When the victim realized that he needed help he grabbed his companion and almost took him down along but Rea escaped from his hold and when he reached the shore was almost in a state of collapse.

A rescue party was soon formed and at 1:15 o'clock the body was recovered by means of a grappling hook. The victim was an employee on the work train of the Monongahela Railway company and was well known. He is survived by several brothers.

NICK ANDREWS INJURED WHEN STRUCK BY PASSENGER TRAIN

Nick Andrews, a boy of seven years is in the Memorial hospital at Monongahela, suffering from severe injuries sustained when struck by a train at California Saturday evening. Both legs are fractured and he has body bruises. He was crossing the tracks when struck by a passenger train.

WOORDS WIN GAME FROM VAN WOORHIS

The Woodward baseball club of Charleroi traveled to VanVoorhis Sunday and defeated the team of that place by the score of 4 to 3, it being one of the best games played on their grounds this season. Both teams played good ball. Score:

R H E  
W. A. C. 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 — 4 7 2 year.

V. V. ..... 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 — 3 4 3

Batteries—W. A. C., McGuire and is based, says that in one respect the company's schedule as published Eubenstein; Van Voorhis, Wirebaker and Thompson. Umpires—Dolphine and Wilson.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS OVER SUNDAY ARE FEW

Automobile accidents were few over Sunday, the only local one that occurred being at the corner of Third street and McKean avenue, where meters.

Andy Bacoli a motocyclist ran into the automobile of George W. Risbeck. See pictures of the sharks on the Atlantic coast in the animated weekly at the Coyle today.

BIGGEST CROWD OF ENTIRE SEASON VISITS AT ELDORA

Joe Nirella and His Band Appear Sunday in Afternoon and Evening Concerts

The biggest crowd of the entire season, numbering fully 3,000 people were entertained Sunday at Eldora park, when the Nirella band of Pittsburgh, under direction of Joseph Nirella gave popular concerts. Practically every town in the Monongahela valley contributed to the crowd and street cars were crowded going to the park early in the afternoon and coming home late at night.

The band gave eminently pleasing concerts both in the afternoon and evening. The afternoon concerts began at 2 and 4 and the evening concerts at 7 and 9. They were of a patriotic nature.

**METER RATE FAIR SAYS COMMISSION**

Public Service Body Hands Down Opinion in Case From Monongahela

**COMPANY ADMITS AVERMENT**

The public service commission has issued an order dismissing the complaint of C. L. Anton against the Citizens Gas company of Monongahela City. Anton complained that the company increased the rate for gas to 30 cents per 1,000 feet and "raised the minimum rate to \$1 for meter reading when gas was not in use or otherwise." In January, 1916, he did not consume 1,000 feet, he claimed and the company refused to accept payment unless he paid the minimum charge when cut off the gas.

The company admitted the averment, alleging the charge of a dollar for meter reading was a service charge and in accordance with its filed schedule. The commission finds that there is nothing to show that Anton attempted to prove any unjust features in the method of applying the minimum charge or in the 30-cent rate for gas. He offered no testimony other than his own opinion to show that the present rates are unjust.

The company showed that the increased rates were made because of an advance of 4 cents a thousand feet in the wholesale cost of gas to it, and that in a minimum charge of \$1 for each meter reading is a service charge intended to cover running expenses, there being nine readings per year. Commissioner Beidel, who wrote the opinion on which the order is based, says that in one respect the company's schedule as published is indefinite, conveying the impression that there are 12 meter readings a year, when there are but nine.

The commission denies the complaint in the absence of testimony showing unreasonable rates, but or-

## RECORDS BROKEN AT THE BATHING BEACH

Records were broken at the Charleroi Bathing beach Sunday, where there were approximately 1,000 persons enjoyed a plunge. Thousands of people who did not don bathing suits watched the bathers from the shore. Canoeing and other aquatic amusements, such as motor boating and yachting proved popular. At Speers, where a beach has been opened, bathing was enjoyed to the result is crowding at the beaches.

**MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNS AND TWO RIDERS SUFFER INJURIES**

Andy Sordnich of Twelfth street and McKean avenue and Alex Baldogli of 1143 Lincoln avenue were injured when their motorcycle with side car attachment overturned and skidded a distance of several feet at North Charleroi Saturday evening. They were carried underneath the machine, but their injuries beyond brush burns of the face and lacerations were not serious. Sordnich was riding in the side car attachment and when the motorcycle was turned from the street car track a wheel caught and it was lifted over the top of the motorcycle.

**ROBERT NEVIN DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER IN FALLOWFIELD**

Robert Nevin, aged 60 years, lately of Philadelphia died at the home of a daughter in Fallowfield township Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. He had been in ill health for weeks. Mrs. Edward Huston of Meadow avenue is a daughter. The body will be taken to Philadelphia on a night train tonight for interment in the Fairwood cemetery. Mr. Nevin had been visiting in Fallowfield about two months.

**CALIFORNIA CHURCH TO BE REDEDICATED**

The First Christian church corporation of California will rededicate its enlarged and improved house of worship on Sunday, July 30. The service will be conducted by Rev. George L. Snively of Lewiston, Ill. There will be three services, morning, afternoon and night. The ministers of the other denominations of the town will speak at the memorial services in the afternoon. Special music has been arranged for the day and a number of visiting ministers and friends will be present. Rev. Arthur Cox of Bethany, W. Va., a former pastor, Rev. E. N. Duty of Charleroi, and others will be present. Rev. Robert Horn is the present pastor.

**Arrests For Fighting.**

Five men are said to have taken part in a street fight near Fourth street Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock. A quarrel over drink is said to have been at the bottom of the affair. Arrests are being made and a hearing will be given tonight.

**GERMANY'S SUBMARINE LINER "DEUTSCHLAND" IN ANIMATED WEEKLY AT COYLE TODAY, ALSO SOME OF GERMANY'S OTHER SUBMARINES IN ACTION.**

**MUST ANSWER TO CHARGE OF FELONIOUS CUTTING**

Joe Ready Gives Certified Check in Sum of \$500 For His Appearance in Court When Needed

Concluding the first chapter in the troubles of Joe Ready of McKean avenue, he was held by Justice of the Peace E. E. Rice for action of the grand jury, charged with felonious cutting and robbery by inflicting freedom by virtue of a certified check for \$500 placed in the hands of the justice. Ready was arrested Friday night for common fighting. While being placed in the lockup it was discovered he had \$1,151 on his person. This caused excitement, but it was nothing like the stir caused when Mike Zamiska accused him indirectly of being concerned in a Weaver killing four or five years ago. Zamiska is the man with whom he had the Friday night fight and whom he is alleged to have slashed twice with a knife.

**FORMER LOCAL MAN DROWNED**

**August Fontenesi Loses Life While Bathing in Indiana Stream**

**ONE BROTHER LIVING HERE**

Word has been received here of the drowning Sunday at Clinton, Ind., of August Fontenesi, aged 42 years, formerly a Charleroi resident. He was bathing when he met his death. Fontenesi was a miner. He was formerly employed in the Charleroi mine, leaving here in 1914 for Indiana where he took employment. He was not married. One brother, Adelpho Fontenesi lives on Meadow avenue.

**UNKNOWN MOTORCYCLE COP GETS FIVE SPEEDERS AT MONONGAHELA**

Five speeders on Monongahela street were tallied by the Monongahela motorcycle policeman on Sunday, bringing the total up to 31 this month. The identity of the policeman is not known. He travels in plain clothes, following autoists as they drive through.

**MONESSEN LAD OF TWELVE YEARS INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE SUNDAY**

William Hopton, aged 12 years of Monessen, was struck by an automobile driven by G. N. Bosley of Uniontown Sunday. He was injured about the legs, one of the front wheels passing over both limbs.

**Installing Car Fenders.**

As fast as the Charleroi Iron works can turn out the fenders, the Charleroi-Monessen street car are being equipped in obedience to a resolution passed by council. No inconvenience seems to be experienced in operating the cars after fenders are installed and it is only a matter of a few days until every car will be equipped with practically the same appliance as the Pittsburg cars.

**THOMAS ELLIOTT,  
PIONEER, DIES,  
AGED 81 YEARS**

**Well Known Charleroi Man Came to This Valley When Young Man**

**BORN IN YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND**

Thomas Elliott, aged 81 years, and one of the pioneers of this section of the county died Saturday night at 10:15 o'clock at his home at 206 Lookout avenue.

Mr. Elliott was one of five brothers who came to the state of Indiana from Yorkshire, England, when a boy. Coming eastward later he settled in Washington county where the remainder of his years were spent. He has been a resident of Charleroi for about 15 years.

The following sons and daughters survive: W. J. Elliott of Finleyville; Mrs. S. M. V. Hess of Mount Union, Pa.; J. S. Elliott of Goodrich, Colo.; Miss Jennie Elliott of Charleroi; C. T. Elliott of Belle Vernon; Mrs. William Parks of North Charleroi; R. F. Elliott of Monessen; J. W. Elliott of Youngstown, Ohio, and Miss Elizabeth Elliott of Charleroi.

Mr. Elliott was a member of Gastonville Lodge No. 248, I. O. O. F., and a charter member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Coal Bluff.

Funeral services, which will be public will be held at the late home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church. Interment will be in the Monongahela cemetery.

**PITTSBURG ATHLETICS BEAT STEEL PRODUCTS**

**Rea Has Lead in Pitcher's Battle; Yet Visitors Win—Errors Partly Responsible For Trouble at Charleroi Grounds**

The Pittsburg Steel Products Company lost a classy baseball game on the Charleroi grounds Saturday afternoon to the speedy Pittsburg Athletics by the score of 3 to 1. Errors were largely responsible for the winning runs being scored.

Pitcher Rea and Pitcher Thompson engaged in a splendid duel that was a pleasure to watch. So far as the twirling was concerned Rea had the edge. He permitted few liberties with his delivery, allowing only seven hits for a total of nine bases and gave no walks. Thompson, his opponent, permitted eight hits for a total of 13 bases and walked two men.

The Athletics scored in the first inning and grabbed two in the second when the ball was booted. After that the game was a row of ciphers until the eighth when Gene Elliott brought in the lone Steel Products' tally.

Gene Elliott who this year has regained the style that made him a popular New York player a few years ago, was the chief batter of the day, Pittsburg cars.

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Comes off easily if you use a  
DURHAM DUPLEX RAZOR  
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HALLMARK  
Store

That  
Endures

Graduation! What an epoch it marks in the life of the young man or young woman! It is the end—and the beginning. Laying aside school books forever, the student steps forth from the classroom into the world. Your gifts at such time should possess, above all, the quality of permanence. Such a gift in the Green Verithin or Wristlet Watch. Prices of today and tomorrow—  
\$25.00 to \$175.00.  
Both Phones.  
JOHN B. SCHAFER, Manufacturing Jeweler  
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# Berryman's July Clearance Sale CONTINUED

This "Unprecedented Bargain Feast" will be continued all this week. This store has always enjoyed a reputation for high quality of goods and reasonable prices. Most all sales have been conducted after July but this year due to heavy purchases and early shipment of fall goods, to keep from paying the wonderful advances in prices, we have had to clean our shelves and make room for the goods already shipped. It's a true saying "Necessity Knows No Law" and we have gone over the entire stock and ruthlessly stripped every article of its profit and in hundreds of cases, of big slices of the cost.

## Clearance Sale Prices in Every Dept.

Ladies' Coats, Suits and Dresses Reduced.

Men's and Boys' Suits, Pants, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods Reduced.

Piece goods, Underwear, Laces and embroideries Reduced.

Millinery, Waists and Skirts Reduced.

Carpets, Rugs and Linoleums Reduced.

## Special Money-Saving Values Taken From Our Big Bargain Basement

300 yds Shepherd check percale at per yard.....	9c
Red damask, almost out of the market, short pieces at.....	27c
24 Allendale Sheets at.....	45c
75c special corset at.....	47c
12 dz. children's dutch dresses.....	9c
12 dozen children's dresses at.....	19c
12 dz. white aprons, special.....	9c
Baby bonnets, white.....	13c
Child's middy dresses.....	19c
Gray striped percale dresses.....	39c
45x36 Pillow Slips.....	14c
Cotton Crashes.....	5c
Wash Petticoats.....	45c
Rag Heart Rugs.....	69c
Children's Wash Dresses.....	25c
One lot white parasols were 1.90. 1.50, 2.00 no r.....	39c
One lot gray blankets.....	59c
Col'd border Swiss curtains.....	59c
Lot 1.50 white Swiss curtains.....	1.19
One lot imported China plates go at Half Price.	
Brown Moslin.....	6c
Waists, were 1.50 to 2.50.....	39c
Domets.....	73c
One lot 35c window shades.....	25c
Dust Vac Sweepers.....	\$3.75

## BERRYMAN'S "Charleroi's Live Store"

### PERSONALS

Sharpnack of Washington avenue Sunday.

Ralph Lightner of Washington visited with friends in Charleroi Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dawson and children of near Beallsville spent Sunday with Mrs. Dawson's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Trew of Crest avenue.

Mrs. Margaret Anderson of Crest avenue has been visiting with relatives at Uniontown.

Mrs. Jeff House of Homestead visited at the home of her sister Mrs. James S. Russell of Washington ave.

Sidney Stewart and Seman Stupie, of Pittsburg spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Charleroi.

Elijah Dainty and Oscar Linn left Sunday on a camping trip up the Monongahela river.

John McDermott of Munhall spent Sunday at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDermott of Crest avenue.

Prof. and Mrs. T. L. Pollock and daughter of Fifth street visited with relatives at California Sunday.

Mrs. John S. Metz of Fallowfield avenue spent Monday in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Lottie Mayer and son Ernest of Wilkinsburg visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miksch of McKean avenue.

Mrs. J. Brown of Bellevue is visiting with her daughter Mrs. Joseph Stump of Third street.

Morris Forst and family of Pittsburg headed an automobile party of five cars to Charleroi Sunday. While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miksch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McKean motor to Cumberland, Md., Sunday where they met Miss Alice McLean, who was returning from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Willits C. Binns at Westminster, Md.

Miss Lenora Miksch of McKean avenue has gone to Wilkinsburg where she will visit with friends.

Mrs. Marvin Berg of Bentleyville was a caller in Charleroi Sunday.

Miss Carrie Snyder of Pittsburg visited with friends in Charleroi Sunday.

Floyd Crews of Washington, D. C., is here to visit with his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Taylor and Raymond Sharpnack of Rices Landing visited with Mr. and Mrs. S. Walton.

## CLASSIFIED

WANTED—Good all round man. Apply Charleroi-Monessen hospital.

12tf

WANTED—Maid for housework. 114 Lincoln avenue. 29-tf

FOR SALE—Milk depot and ice cream factory at a bargain. O. E. Fondersmith, 317 Fallowfield avenue.

24-tf

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping, 311 Fallowfield avenue.

30-tf

WANTED—Engineer for ice and ice cream plant. Good wages to right man. Steady job. Apply Universal Ice and Cold Storage Co., East Main street, Monongahela, Pa. 29tf

FOR SALE—Newspaper business making from 14 to 17 dollars a month. Apply 7246½ McClure Avenue, Swissvale. 25-tf

WANTED—Agents to solicit orders for men's clothes from factory direct to wearer at wholesale prices. references required. P. O. Box, 522, Philadelphia, Pa. 31-tf

LOST—One 37x5 Goodrich tire, tube and rim. Finder call Belle phone 248, Donora. Reward. 31-tf

WANTED—Boy for soda fountain and general work around drug store. Must be hustler. Apply Piper's Drug Store.

32-tf

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Must be experienced. Apply Mrs. H. Porter, 618 Fallowfield ave., Charleroi.

32-tf

FOR RENT—Two rooms suitable for light housekeeping. Inquire 759 Main office.

32-tf

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Asenat of North Charleroi an eight pound son, July 22.

FOR RENT—Two rooms suitable for light housekeeping. Inquire 759 Main office.

32-tf

## CHINESE EDIBLE DOGS.

They Are Fed Mainly Upon Daintily Prepared Vegetable Food.

English bon vivants have tested the merits of the Chinese edible dog, and their pronouncement is very good dog indeed.

The dog is destined from the beginning for the table. Like the edible rat of the same country, it is fed mainly upon vegetable food, which is often delicately prepared and specially devised, in order to give the dog's flesh a peculiar flavor and aroma. The result is something quite different from the flesh of the ordinary dog of the western world.

The genuine Chinese edible dog is brown by its birth black tongue, which is a peculiar mark of its variety. In infancy and early youth the dog's tongue is red, and upon reaching maturity the edible dog is suddenly becomes black, sometimes within two weeks.

Another peculiarity of this dog is its lack of the barking faculty. It is said that the dog can bark, and on occasions does so, but these occasions are rare.

Many experiments, most of them unwilling, were made with the flesh of dogs during the Paris siege. Newfoundlands and St. Bernards were preferred, under the mistaken impression that they would prove more eatable than other varieties. They proved to be delectable in all cases.—Every Week.

## CORK TREES OF SPAIN.

How They Are Stripped of Their Bark at Ten Year Intervals.

An important industry in Spain is the cultivation of cork trees. This tree is an oak which grows best in the poorest soil. It cannot endure frost and must have sea air and also some altitude. It is found all along the coast of Spain, the northern coast of Africa and the Iberian shores of the Mediterranean.

There are two barks, the outer of which is stripped for use. The cork is valuable according as it is soft and velvety.

When the sapling has reached the age of ten years it is stripped of its outer bark for two feet from the ground. The tree will then be about five inches in diameter and about six feet up to the branches. This stripping is worthless. The inner bark appears blood red, and if it is split or injured the tree dies.

When eight or ten years more have elapsed the outer bark has again grown, and then the tree is stripped four feet from the roots. This stripping is very coarse and is used to make floats for fish nets. Every ten years thereafter the bark is stripped, each year two feet higher up, until the tree is forty or fifty years old, when it is in its prime, and may then be stripped every ten years from the ground to the branches.—Exchange.

### Royal Kisses.

The kings and high officials of Europe when they meet always embrace and kiss each other, no matter what their relations have been in the past or may be in the immediate future. This is a kiss of respect. It may be given on the lips, the cheek, the brow or the beard and is nicely adjusted, according to the age and rank of the giver.

From this close personal contact it passes through many forms—kissing the hand, parts of the clothing and even the ground trodden upon, according to the idea of respect or fear inspiring the one who performs the act. The nations of the west have not adopted this ancient custom as a form of salutation, but have reserved it for the more tender relationships of life.—Christian Herald.

### Dumas and His Porthos.

Dumas, like Balzac, was fond of his own creations. Among them all he loved Porthos best. The great, strong, valiant hero was a child after his own heart. One afternoon, it is related, his son found Dumas careworn, wretched, overwhelmed. "What has happened to you? Are you ill?" asked Dumas filii.

"No," replied Dumas pere. "Well, what is it then?" "I am miserable." "Why?" "This morning I killed Porthos—poor Porthos! Oh, what trouble I have had to make up my mind to do it! But there must be an end to all things. Yet when I saw him sink beneath the ruins, crying, 'It is too heavy, too heavy for me!' I swear to you that I cried!" And he wiped away a tear with the sleeve of his dressing gown.

### An Old Indian Drum.

The Sioux Indians formerly had a conjurer's drum, which they called wakan-chanchaha. It was used on religious and ceremonial occasions, had two heads frequently decorated with crude pictures of animals, and was beaten with great vigor for the purpose of appeasing the wrath of their offended deities or of contributing to the recovery of the sick.

### Africa.

Africa is the most elevated of all the continents. It is the "continent of plateaus." The great tableland in the south has a mean altitude of over 3,500 feet. The wide tableland on the north has an average elevation of about 1,300 feet.

### Impossible.

"Can't you play tennis without making all that noise?"

"Why, how can you expect us to play it without raising a racket?"—Baltimore American.

### Excluded.

Ascum—Well, well! I congratulate you, old man. And how is the baby to be named? Popley—By my wife's people, it seems.—Exchange.

### Correct.

Jack—You say Jones is living above his income.

Bill—Yes; he gets his income from an apartment house and lives on the top floor!—New York Globe.

The nobleness of life depends on its consistency, clearness of purpose, quiet and ceaseless energy.—Ruskin.

## PERILS OF BAD AIR.

Reduced Vitality, Loss of Appetite and General Bad Health.

Air is bad when it is overheated, when it contains an excess of moisture and when it is chemically contaminated. This is the conclusion of the New York state commission on ventilation as summarized by Professor C. E. A. Winslow, chairman.

The first indictment against bad air shows that an increase in temperature beyond the normal 70 degrees produces serious derangement of the respiratory mechanism of the body, resulting in a rise of temperature, increased pulse and a lowered blood pressure, with a corresponding decrease in efficiency, both physical and mental. In addition to this, overheating conduces to an undesirable congestion of the mucous membranes of the nose, thus possibly paving the way for colds, sore throats and attacks of various diseases.

The work of the commission also proves that chemical accumulations in the air as a result of air stagnation bring about decreased appetite for food, which, in turn, must have an unfavorable effect on the entire body. In the commission's experiments the people living in fresh air are 4½ to 13 per cent more than those living in stagnant air.

"These experiments," says Professor Winslow, "indicate that fresh air is needed at all times and in all places. While we have changed our ideas as to what causes bad air, ventilation is just as essential to remove heat produced by human bodies as it was once thought to be to remove the carbon dioxide produced by human lungs, and it is now proved also to be essential for carrying away chemical products which exert a measurable effect upon the appetite for food. People who live and work in overheated and unventilated rooms are reducing themselves an easy prey to all sorts of diseases."

## WARNING ON RUST.

Problems With Which Iron and Steel Experts Are Wrestling.

This age of steel has roused a world wide battle with rust, and more chemists and other experts are studying possible weapons for this battle than are busy on almost any other industrial problem. Concrete owes much of its present growth to the difficulty of protecting steel and iron against rust.

Absolutely pure iron will not rust, and fairly pure iron will rust only slowly. One way, therefore, is to improve the grade of iron, and manufacturers now sell iron that is guaranteed to withstand rust for considerable periods. It is possible, though expensive, to purify iron completely by electricity and electrolytic iron, as it is called, may before long be common commercially.

Surface coats of protection are, however, the favorite methods of today, and many such coatings have appeared lately. The latest one is a metal coat that can be applied on an iron or steel structure after it has been erected in much the same way that paint is applied. Finely powdered metals—such as tin, lead or zinc, or all three in proper proportion—are mixed in oil and painted on the bridge or column or other structure that needs protection. Then the painted surface is heated by a hand torch or in whatever way is most convenient.

The oil burns away, and the powdered metal melts, but does not run. As the metal cools it takes a tight grip on the iron surface and forms a tin or alloy coat, which stops rust.—Saturday Evening Post.

### Selecting the Golf Ball.

The small heavy ball will go farther than the lighter or larger ball for the player who can hit it extremely hard owing to its less resistance from the air. Because of its weight and small size it can bore its way through the air almost like a bullet. In the case of a lady or a very light hitter I firmly believe they will get much better results with the large light ball since because of its greater resiliency it will get the maximum distance from a much lighter blow.

So my advice would be for a light hitter to use the light ball, the average hitter the medium weight and the hard hitter the heavy ball.—Outing.

### Phi Beta Kappa.

Phi Beta Kappa are the names of three letters of the Greek alphabet, the initial letters of three Greek words, *Philosophia*, *Biot*, *Kubernetes*, which means "philosophy the guide of life."

This is the name of the oldest of the Greek letter college societies. Membership is bestowed as an honor for exceptionally good scholarship. The society originated at William and Mary College in 1776, but has extended to many other colleges and universities. There are about 17,000 names in the catalogue. Members wear a gold watch key as a badge, with emblem and inscriptions.—Philadelphia Press.

### They Help in a Way.

"Riches are not everything," declared bitterly the poor, but honest, suitor, who had just been rejected. "They cannot insure happiness."

"Perhaps not," replied the practical maiden, "but they at least provide means to pay the premiums on the policy!"—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

### Correct.

Jack—You say Jones is living above his income.

Bill—Yes; he gets his income from an apartment house and lives on the top floor!—New York Globe.

## THIRST TAMES WILD BEASTS.

Savage Brutes Respect Each Other's Right to Drinking Water.

Just as one dog will respect another dog's bone so even the fiercest forest beasts have their unwritten laws and their little conventions.

One common idea which has found its way into scores of books of adventure is that the lion and tiger take advantage of the insatiable call of thirst to get supper—that is to say, they go down to the water hole, the only one for miles around, take a good drink themselves and then lie in wait for some gazelle or giraffe or deer coming there for a like purpose in order to spring upon them for a really vicious act of drinking and make a meal of it.

Yet this is a dubious estimate of wild beast behavior. The fact is that there is a sort of truce of the water hole in jungle and forest. As far as killing is concerned the drinking place is out of bounds. There is an invisible notice board on its banks which says, "Live and Let Live," and it is implicitly obeyed.

There is an order of precedence. The thinnest gets first drink. He is the dreadnaught of the forest jungle. Then comes that old ironclad the elephant.

When he has lowered the tide mark and made the water more like coffee than anything else the big pussy cats stroll down to quench their ardent tongues—the lions, the leopards in Africa, the tigers in India, the jaguars and pumas in South America.

Meanwhile the shy animals—the giraffes, deer, springboks and even the buffaloes, although they are a match for a lion—stand in the background and wait till the carnivora have done. But the latter never prevent their approach to the water or waylay them on their retirement. And that is better manners—are, and better morals—than many men show.—Pearson's.

## INDIA'S FAMOUS ROAD.

It Was the World's Greatest Highway Before Rome Was Born.

Search where you will, you will find no highway in the whole world so romantic as the Grand Trunk road of India.

A stately avenue of three roads is—one—the center of hard metal, the roads on each side ankle deep in silvery dust—fringed by double rows of trees it runs for 1,400 miles through the vast northern plain which skirts the Himalayas, from Calcutta to far Peshawar, which keeps sentinel at the gate of Afghanistan.

From horizon to horizon it stretches like a broad white ribbon, as seemingly straight as if traced by a giant ruler. And dotted along its entire length are hundreds of serials (wayside rest houses), each with its arched and studded gateway, its spacious inclosure, in which humans share shelter with oxen, camels and goats, and its central well of sparkling water.

For 3,000 years the Himalayas have looked down on this road and seen it as they see it today. It was the world's greatest highway before Rome was cradled, when the aboriginal Indians drove their cattle over the very spot where the motorcar dashes today.

Alexander the Great led his Greeks along it to the conquest of northern India, and Buddha himself took his daily walks along it centuries before Christ was cradled.

It has seen a hundred generations come and go, a score of dynasties rise and fall. And yet today it is to the eye exactly the same as in the long gone years when Nineveh was a proud city.—New York Journal.

### Parrots of Mexico.

What the wild pigeon once was in point of numbers to the United States the parrot, of varying shades of color and all sizes, is to old Mexico. Flights of these birds frequently darken the midday sun in the hot country, and they become so tame around the camps of engineers that the birds are given individual names and soon become regular pets. Whenever the parrots descend the forest and alight on the ground in the open spaces of the jungle, the natives recognize their action as sure warning of an impending earth quake.

### Second Sight.

An Irishman and his English friend were out rabbit shooting. They had been very unsuccessful and were returning, disheartened, when they saw a hare dart out of the hedge.

Mike, in amazement, failed to shoot and the hare escaped.

"Why didn't you shoot it?" asked the Englishman.

"Shure," said Mike. "I didn't see it till it was out of sight"—London Telegraph.

### Something Easier.

Neither the bride nor the bridegroom knew much about housekeeping. He was helping with the Sunday dinner and had split about a thousand peas with a carving knife. Then he spoke up:

"Darling!"

"Yes, dear?"

"Don't let's have split pea soup. Let's have mashed potatoes."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Gladstone's One Pun.

It is not generally known that Gladstone once in his life made a pun. When Blodden appeared at the Crystal Palace he went to see the acrobat and remarked that the performance was very interesting to a chancellor of the exchequer as an example of balancing.—London Standard.

To give unkindly is churlishness. The more kindly you are to give, the more you will smile.—La Bruyere.

## SEE AMERICA FIRST.

Attractions Those Who Do Not Know Their Country Would Find.

I have crossed the equator thirty-six times and been around the world four times, and on the side, I have been in every state of the United States. In all I am certain that I have traveled much over 20,000 miles.

I am often asked by friends where to travel, for pleasure, and I always say, "See America first."

If I had time I would spend a few hundred dollars to travel in traveling clubs, but I will run to the great west. Starting from New York, I would pass the Atlantic, and stop on Lake Michigan to see Niagara Falls and then on to Canada, and the Great Lakes and on to the Twin Cities.

Spending a few days in the lake region of Wisconsin and Minnesota, where I would find beautiful canals and sail on some of the most beautiful inland waters of the world.

Continuing westward, the attractions of Glacier National Park in the Northwest corner of Montana would surely capture me, too, for a few days.

From this paradise I'd journey westward and see Mount Rainier National Park, with flowers more than 20,000 feet. World travelers have called Mount Rainier the "king of all mountains."

I would be sure to go to Tacoma and Seattle and Puget sound. If I had the time I certainly would take a ship at Seattle and go to see the wonders of Alaska, with its icefields that outrival the Norwegian fjords.

I would not miss Portland—the Rose City—where the queen of flowers blooms in profusion most of the year. From Portland I could go via boat or train to San Francisco, with its famous Golden Gate, and on southward to Los Angeles or turn my face toward the rising sun and visit Salt Lake City in the shadow of the Wasatch mountains.

From Salt Lake City to the Yellowstone National Park is an overnight run by train, and I'd not miss this reservation for anything.

If my thirst for mountain scenery was still unsatisfied I should come east by way of Denver, situated one mile above sea level and surrounded by snow mountains that show their rugged outlines against the sky for more than 200 miles, of which Pike's Peak is the dominating feature.

From here on I would journey home as time and fancy dictated. On all sides and by whatever route I might select I would find an attractive country with ripening orchards, waving fields and smiling farms through which to pass.

Throughout this entire holiday I would have no troubles from wrestling with foreign languages nor with unfamiliar coinage. There would be no vexations customs to pass, no irritating police regulations to observe.—Dr. W. E. Aughinbaugh in Leslie's.

### Interpreting a Problem.

Apropos of the problem of the greatest number that can be expressed by three figures, L. Capitaine writes that the figures 9<sup>2</sup> may be interpreted in two different ways. They may mean the ninth power of the ninth power of 9, or they may mean 9 raised to the ninth power of 9.

The ninth power of 9 is 387,420,489. This number raised to the ninth power is nothing so tremendous; any one could do the necessary calculation with a little time, as the result has only about seventy-five figures. But if we accept the second interpretation—9 raised to the ninth power of 9—it means that we shall have to multiply 9 by itself 387,420,489 times, which is a very different thing.

### If All the World Were Perfect.

All the world were perfect an intolerable sameness would be stamped upon humanity; from one end of the earth to the other. "For the love of heaven," some one has exclaimed, "let me retain my defects. That is the only thing I really have." Moreover, there are some really quite captivating human defects. But it is important to control them so that they may never become obnoxious.—Antoine Le Brun in Outlook.

### To Mend a Tablecloth.

When a tablecloth begins to break or a small hole appears, cut a piece of white paper some larger than the place to be mended, paste securely over the hole and stitch on sewing machine, lengthwise and crosswise, very closely and evenly. It will look much neater and is easier than damming or patching by hand. I also mend sheets and bedspreads the same way. The paper will disappear when washed.—Farm and Fireside.

### Belated Wisdom.

"What I want to know, Johnny," demanded the stern parent, "is why you picked a quarrel with that bad boy next door?"

"I don't know, sir," replied the injured culprit, "but I suppose it must have been 'cause I didn't know what a bad boy he was."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

### Could Use Them.

Old Lady—My poor man, here is a cent for you. Polite Beggar—Can't you make it two, madam? Old Lad—What would you do with 2 cents? Polite Beggar—I'd buy a stamp and mail you an acknowledgment, madam. Etiquette forbids me using a postcard." Judge.

### Perrine's Paradox.

Can't Perkins support his wife?" "Why, he can support her all right, but he claims that she is insupportable."—Boston Transcript.

No indulgence of passion destroys the spiritual nature so much as respectable selfishness.

## REGAINED HIS CASTE.

A Rich American's Bluff in a Land Where Horses Represent Wealth.

"The bai is so rich," said my host of the Siberian steppes that is the Kirghiz word for lord and master, "that what we have must seem very small to him. But he has seen our herds; does he think our horses beautiful?"

I replied that we admired his horses very much and that, although they were not so large as ours, their conformation, was very fine.

"I have a thousand horses," continued Kozma. "How many has the bai?"

I answered that I owned five. This information produced a most depressing effect.

"The bai is so rich," he said, "and yet he only owns five horses. I do not understand it." Sultan Djimir has 4,000 horses, Sultan Djumabek has 2,000 and Adam Bal is said to have 3,000, and yet you say that you have only five! How many sheep does the bai own?"

"I regret to say that I own no sheep," I replied.

"Ah! Probably the bai owns large herds of cattle?"

"I have two cows," I said.

The conversation was assuming a most unfortunate turn, and I felt that I was losing ground every minute; something desperate had to be done. I remembered that I had in my pocket a colored photograph of a gorgeous hotel at Palm Beach, which I had lately received from a friend in Florida.

"It is true, my friend," I said, "that I do not own any cattle or sheep or horses, but see the house in which I live when I am in my own country," and I showed them the brightly colored print. The effect was magical; the card was passed from hand to hand with every expression of amazement and delight; my stock bounded upward and never after that fell below par. May I be forgiven for my deception!—E. Nelson Fell in Outlook.

## AN ANCIENT CHURCH.

It Has Been in Use in France for Over a Thousand Years.

Before dinner we walked for a little in the gray evening and came to an old church—one of the oldest in France. It is said, built in the ninth century and called St. Michael's. (At Nantua, in the French Juras.) It is more than a thousand years old and looks it. It has not been much rebuilt. I think, for invasion and revolution appear seldom to have surmounted the natural ramparts of Nantua, and only the storm beat and the erosion of the centuries have written the story of decay. The hand of restoration has troubled it little.

We slipped in through the gathering dusk and tiptoed about, for there were a few lights flickering before the altar, and we saw the outlines of bowed heads. Presently a priest was silhouetted against the altar lights as he crossed and passed out by a side door. He was one of a long line that stretched back through more than half of the Christian era and through most of the history of France.

When the first priest passed in front of that altar France was still under the Carlovingian dynasty—under Charles the Fat, perhaps, and William of Normandy was not to conquer England until 200 years later. Then nearly 400 years more would creep by—dim, mediæval years—before Joan of Arc should unfurl her banner of victory and martyrdom.

You see how far back into the mists we are stepping here. And all those evenings the altar lights have been lit and the ministrations of priests has not failed.—Albert Bigelow Paine in Harper's Magazine.

### Drying an Umbrella.

An umbrella should never be opened in order to dry it, as the ribs get sprung, and it will never roll up neatly and tightly after once dried in this manner. Doing this will also spoil the cover by straining the weave unnaturally. The correct way to dry an umbrella is to stand it on the handle that the water may run off at the points instead of gathering at the ferrule and thus rotting the material.

### Selecting a Husband.

I would warn maidens of marriageable age to exercise due caution in the selection of husbands. Choose a real man, not the kind that slaps himself on the wrist and wants to be called Jack instead of John and insists on addressing you as Margaret instead of Maggie or Christina instead of Tim. Get a man whose masculine actions entitle him to wear trousers.—Zim in Cartoons Magazine.

### Fifteen Cent Lunches.

A cashier in a newspaper row lunch room told me that the average Bostonian spends but 15 cents for his lunch. The fifteen cent key on the cash register is worn smooth and the number "15" entirely rubbed off. Other keys on the machine show little sign of wear.

### Delicacy.

A woman went into a country bakery one hot, sultry summer day. "I'll have some of that nice currant cake," said she to the baker. "That ain't no currant cake, lady," said he, waving his arm gently to and fro over the delicacy.—New York Post.

### A Poor Retriever.

Wigg—I hear you've sold your bird dog. He was a good retriever, wasn't he? Waggy—I thought so, but he didn't bring much when I sold him.—Philadelphia Record.

### Drove Them Out.

Miss Howler—Did my voice fill the drawing room? Mr. Rood—No, it filled the refreshment room and the conservatory.—Boston Transcript.

## BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

Painting the Great Structure Is a Long and Costly Job.

Every three or four years it becomes necessary to paint the Brooklyn bridge in order to prevent the corrosion and deterioration of its structural members, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. This is a task which requires the services of a small army of "human spiders," who climb about over the web of cables and struts with almost as much composure and agility as if they were insects instead of men.

With buckets and brushes, they cling to the network, swaying in the wind as the constant stream of traffic surges across the East River. Between them and the river beneath there are more than 100 feet of space and the cables.

Every exposed strand and spot of the whole structure must be painted, so the men scramble over the cables until they reach the topmost point of the great towers, which extend 272 feet above the water, and finally end up on the platform suspended beneath the structure, where the handsbeads of passing vessels scrape under the paintings, sometimes missing them by a margin of only a few inches. This work continues usually for six or eight months before it is completed; it costs approximately \$10,000.—Exchange.

## SAYING A FEW WORDS.

When Your Turn Comes Remember That Short Speeches Never Bore.

If you are called upon to say a few words after dinner or at a meeting, don't be backward. Get right up and go at it.

The chances are that what you say on such an occasion, without preparation, will be of no importance and probably wouldn't have been of importance if it had been prepared in advance, but that isn't the point.

The point is that the minds of your hearers will be quite as blank and amorphous as your own and consequently the few who actually listen to you will have no means of judging whether what you say is rational or not. The majority, out of politeness, will assume that you did well, or if they do not wish to commit themselves too irretrievably they will say you did well "under the circumstances."

The whole secret in "saying a few words" lies in making it "few." If you go on and on and on, your audience will not heed or remember a thing you said. They will only remember that you talked long enough to bore them. Short speeches never bore.—E. O. J. in Life.

### The Exercise of Choice.

The human faculties of perception, judgment, discriminative feeling, mental activity, and even moral preference are exercised only in making a choice. He who does anything because it is the custom makes no choice. He gains no practice either in discerning or deciding what is best. The mental and moral, like the muscular powers, are improved only by being used. The faculties are called into no exercise by doing things merely because others do it, no more than by believing a thing only because others believe it.

He who lets the world, or his own portion of it, choose his plan of life for him has no need of any other faculty than the apelike one of imitation. He who chooses his plan for himself employs all his faculties.—John Stuart Mill.

### Names Usurped by Women.

Mary is not by any means the only name that has been borne by men and women alike. writes a correspondent of the London Chronicle, who has dip into old parish and other registers. Sir Patience Ward was lord mayor of London in 1680. Eve Stiffion is mentioned in a will of the sixteenth century, and Grace Hardwin was an old landowner in America.

As to male names usurped by the ladies, instances occur of feminine Phillips and Georges, and in one case a daughter was duly baptized Noah. A granddaughter of the Duke of Wellington was named Arthur in his honor, and in Epsom church there is a monument to Timothy, wife of Richard Mabane.

### Spoke as They Passed.

"I hope you don't associate with that man I saw you speak to in the street just now."